

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Test materials used in the Examples are given along with manufacturers, trade names, values of physical properties, and the like.

(A) Ingredient:

High density polyethylene <1> (HDPE<1>) [manuf.: Japan Polychem Corporation, trade name: “NOVATEC HD HY331”, MFR = 1.0 g/10 min. (JIS K 6760), density = 0.950/cm³];
and

Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) [manuf.: Nippon Unicar Company Limited, trade name: “DFDJ7540”, MFR = 0.8 g/10 min. (JIS K 6760), density = 0.930/cm³]

(B) Ingredient:

(B1) Ingredient:

High density polyethylene <2> (HDPE<2>) [manuf.: Japan Polychem Corporation, trade name: “NOVATEC HD HJ381”, MFR = 11 g/10 min. (JIS K 6760), density = 0.950/cm³];

Very low density polyethylene (VLDPE) [manuf.: Dupont Dow Elastomers Japan K.K., trade name: “~~Engage~~ ENGAGE 8003”, MFR = 1.0 g/10 min. (ASTM D-1238), density = 0.890/cm³];

Modified high density polyethylene (Modified HDPE) [manuf.: Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., trade name: “ADMER HE040”];

Modified linear low density polyethylene (Modified LLDPE) [manuf.: Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., trade name: “ADMER NF558”];

Modified very low density polyethylene (Modified VLDPE) [manuf.: Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., trade name: “ADMER XE070”];

Ethylene-propylene copolymer (EPM) [manuf.: JSR Corporation, trade name: "EP961SP"];
and

Modified ethylene-propylene copolymer (Modified EPM) [manuf.: JSR Corporation, trade
name: "T7741P"]

(B2) Ingredient:

Ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA) [manuf.: Du Pont-Mitsui Polychemicals Co., Ltd.,
trade name: "EV360"]; and

Modified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (Modified EVA) [manuf.: Du Pont-Mitsui
Polychemicals Co., Ltd., trade name: "VR103"]

(B3) Ingredient:

Ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer (EEA) [manuf.: Du Pont-Mitsui Polychemicals Co., Ltd.,
trade name: "A-714"]

(B4) Ingredient:

Styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene block copolymer (SEBS) [manuf.: Asahi Kasei Chemicals
Corporation, trade name: "~~Tuftec~~ TUFTEC H1041"];

Styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene block copolymer (SEPS) [manuf.: KURARAY CO.,
LTD., trade name: "SEPTON 2004"]; and

Modified styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene block copolymer (Modified SEBS) [manuf.:
Asahi Kasei Chemicals Corporation, trade name: "~~Tuftec~~ TUFTEC M1913"]

(C) Ingredient:

Magnesium hydroxide [manuf.: Martinswerk GmbH, trade name: "MAGNIFIN H10",
average particle size: about 1.0 ~~μ -m~~ μ m]

(D) Ingredient:

Zinc sulfide <1> [manuf.: Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., trade name: ~~“Zinc sulfide~~
“ZINC SULFIDE”]; and

Zinc sulfide <2> [manuf.: Sachtleben Chemie GmbH, trade name: ~~“Sachtolith~~
SACHTOLITH HD”]

(E) Ingredient:

Acryl silane coupling agent [manuf.: GE Toshiba Silicones, trade name: “TSL8370”]; and

Vinyl silane coupling agent [manuf.: Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd., trade name: “KBM
1003”]

Other ingredients:

Phenolic antioxidant [manuf.: Ciba Specialty Chemicals Inc., trade name: ~~“Irganox~~
IRGANOX 1010”];

Sulfurous antioxidant [manuf.: SHIPRO KASEI KAISHA, LTD., trade name: “SEENOX
412S”];

Phosphorous antioxidant [manuf.: Ciba Specialty Chemicals Inc., trade name: ~~“Irgafos~~
IRGAFOS 168”];

Metal deactivator [manuf.: Asahi Denka Co., Ltd., trade name: “CDA-1”]; and

Cross-linking auxiliary agent [manuf.: SHIN-NAKAMURA CHEMICAL CO., LTD., trade
name: “TMPTMA”]

Comparative ingredients:

High density polyethylene <2> (HDPE<2>) [manuf.: Japan Polychem Corporation, trade
name: “NOVATEC HD HJ381”, MFR = 11 g/10 min. (JIS K 6760), density = 0.950/cm³];

Polypropylene [manuf.: Japan Polychem Corporation, trade name: “NOVATEC EC9”, MFR
= 0.5 g/10 min. (JIS K 6758), density = 0.90/cm³];

Zinc oxide [manuf.: Hokusui Tech Co., Ltd., trade name: ~~“Zinc Oxide~~ “ZINC OXIDE JIS2”];

Zinc acrylate [manuf.: Kawaguchi Chemical Industry Co., LTD., trade name: "~~Acter~~ ACTOR ZA"]; and

Zinc borate [manuf.: BORAX INC., trade name: "~~Firebrake~~ FIREBRAKE ZB",]